

II. REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 26-36 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-25 are canceled without prejudice to renewal, without intent to acquiesce to any rejection, and without intent to surrender any subject matter encompassed by the canceled claims. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Claim 26 is amended. The amendment to claim 26 is merely editorial in nature; as such, no new matter is added.

Claims 27-36 are added. Support for new claims 27-35 is found in the claims as originally filed, and throughout the specification, including the following exemplary locations: claim 27: page 9, lines 27-29; and page 13, lines 11-12; claim 28: page 19, lines 18-19; claim 29: page 19, lines 18-19; and page 19, lines 24-25; claim 30: page 19, line 26; claim 31: page 20, lines 18-20; claim 32: page 20, lines 24-25; claim 33: page 22, lines 7-8; claim 34: page 19, lines 12-15; claim 35: page 22, lines 3-4; and claim 36: page 9, lines 29-30; and page 10, lines 20-21. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these new claims.

Applicants respectfully request entry of new claims 27-35.

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement, the Office Action required election of one of the following groups of claims:

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| Group I: | Claims 2, 3, and 12-17. |
| Group II: | 2, 4, 5, 6, 12-17, 21-23. |
| Group III: | 2, 7, 8, 12-17, 24-25. |
| Group IV: | 2, 9, 10, 12-17, 18, 19. |
| Group V: | Claims 2, 11, 12-17, 20. |

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 2, 3, and 12-17), with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would

not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

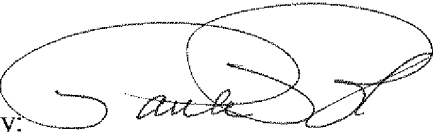
III. CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number UCSF-085 CON5.

Respectfully submitted,
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